



# Groundwater Reduction Plan Participant Meeting October 19, 2011



### **Presentation Outline**

- > Introductions
- > FB Subsidence District Update
- Drought Update Water Supply Impact
- GRP Water Use
- Projects and Studies
  - Surface Water Conversion
  - Reclaimed Water
- > Financials
- GRP Changes Participant Requirements



# Fort Bend Subsidence District Update

Tom Michel FBSD General Manager

#### 2003 Regulatory Plan Key Elements

#### Reg. Areas & Conversion Requirements

#### Area A

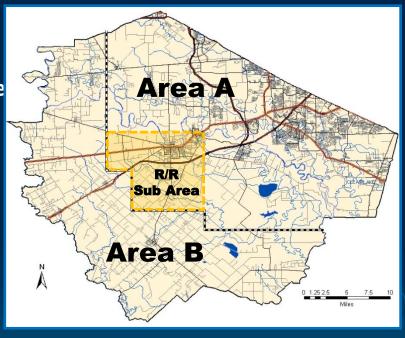
Reduce GW pumpage by 30% by 2013

Reduce GW pumpage by 60% by 2025
Exemptions: Ag. Irrigation & Livestock,
TWD <= 10.0 mgy until alt. supplies available
will consider Economic Hardships

Richmond/Rosenberg Sub-Area: GRPs due starting in 2010 Reduce GW pumpage by 30% by 2015

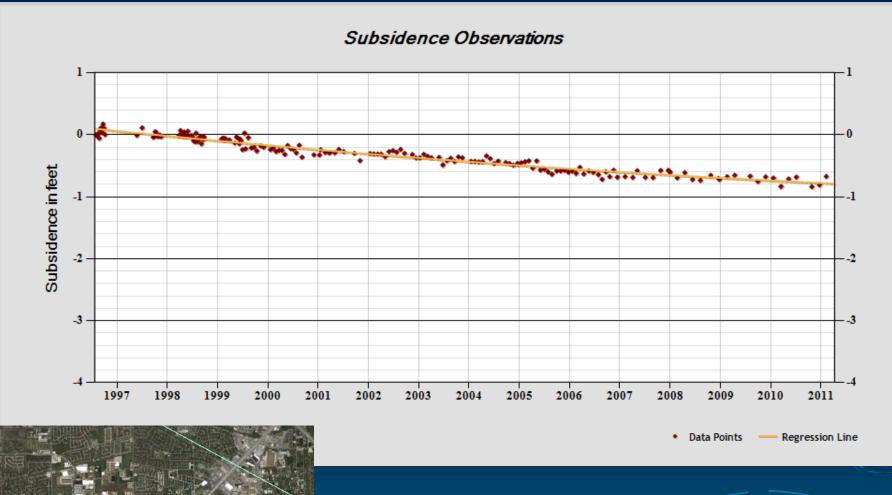
GRPs (2008 & 2010) - 100% compliance!

Disincentive Fee currently set in 2003 at \$3.25

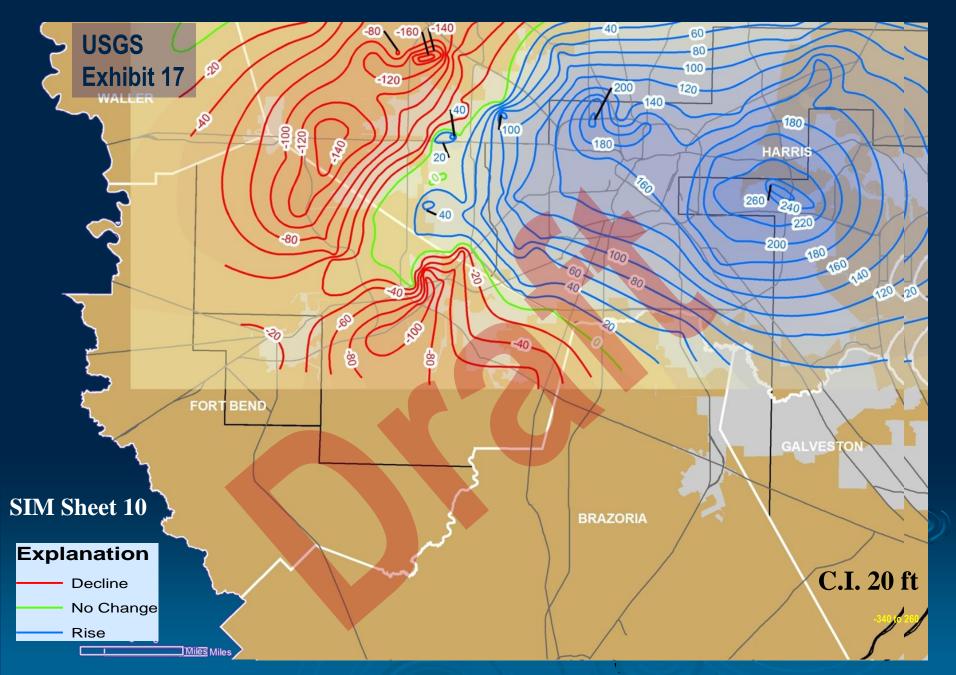


Area B - No scheduled GW reductions at this time - but cannot transfer GW to Area A unless usage has historical basis

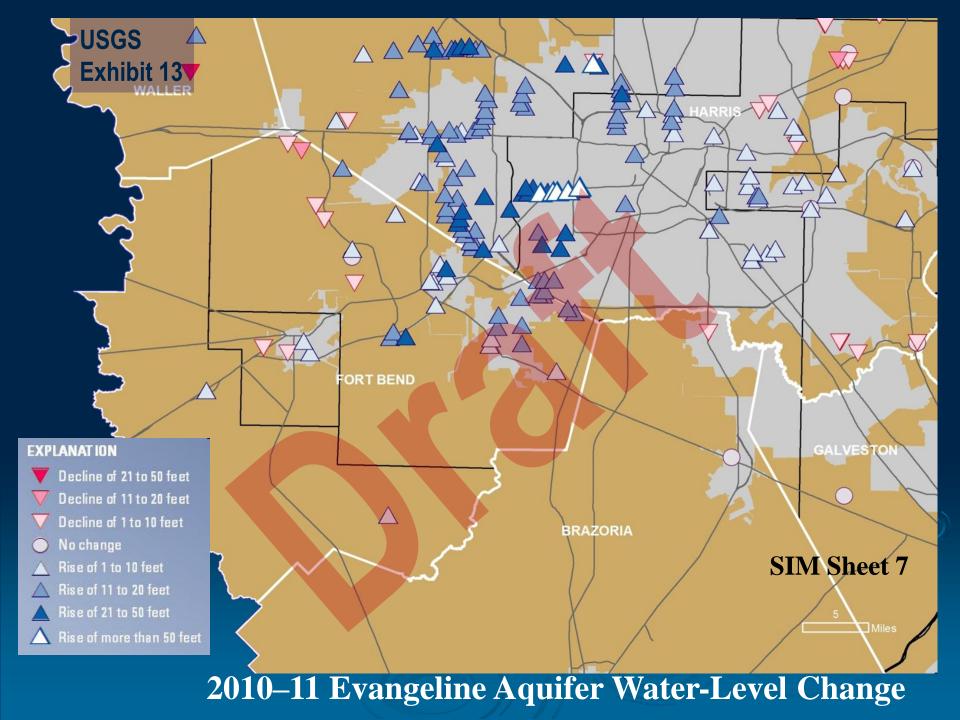
#### FBSD Subsidence Monitor Site – PAM 04 – Sugar Land



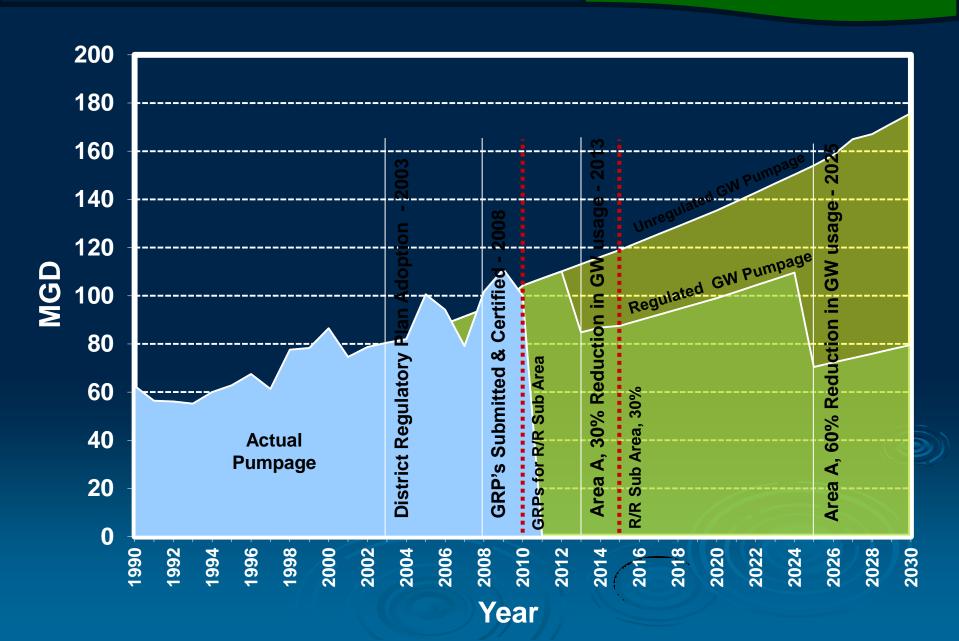




1977–2011 Evangeline Aquifer Water-Level Change



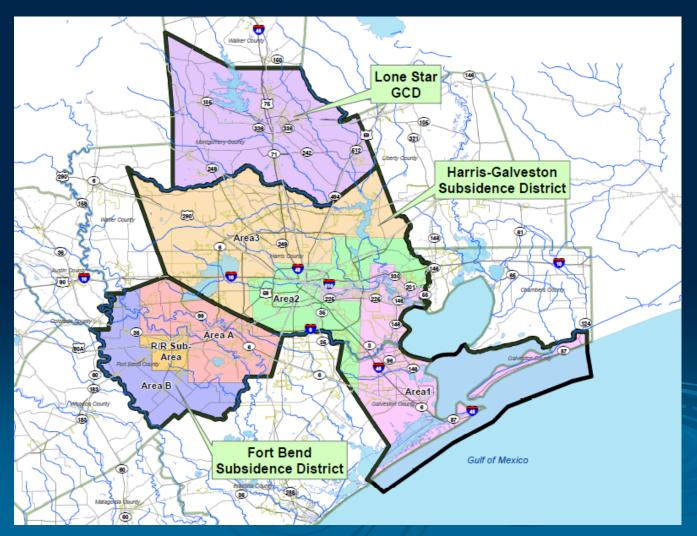
## Groundwater Pumpage Actual vs. Projected







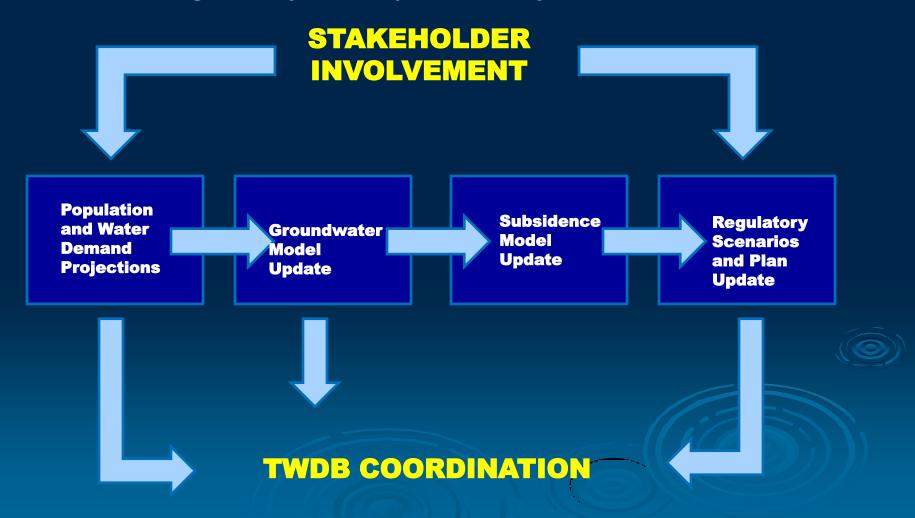
#### Regulatory Plan Update – Project Sponsors

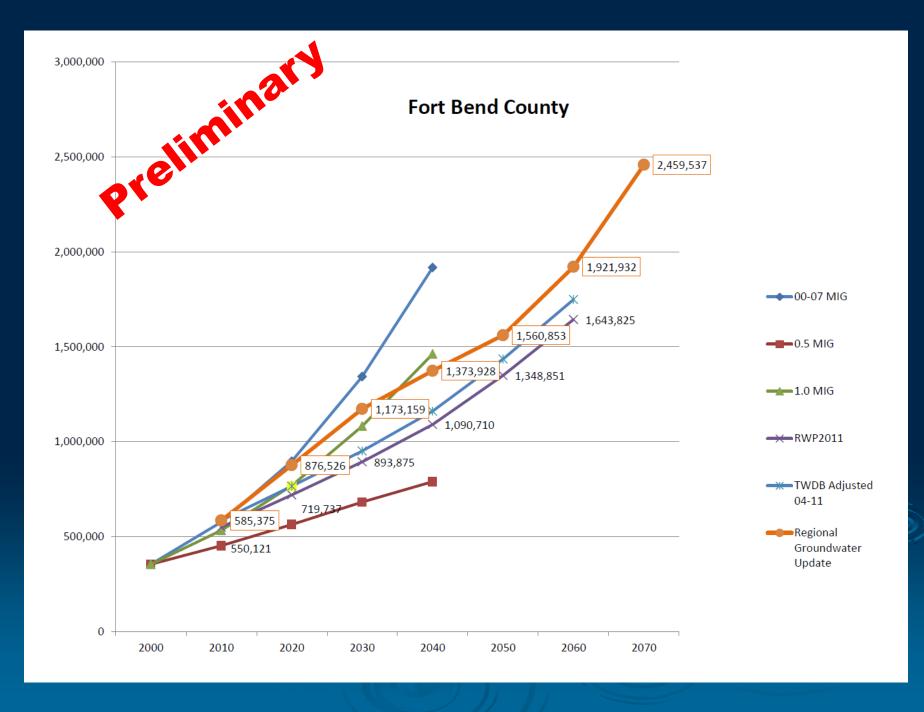






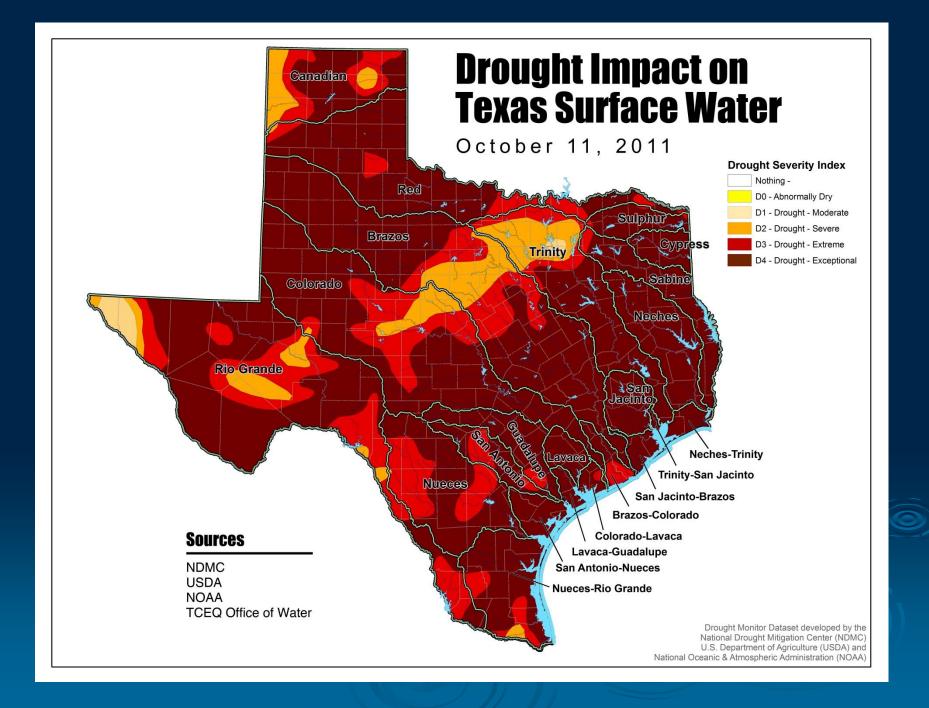
#### **Regulatory Plan Update – Key Focus Areas**







# Drought Update Water Supply Impact



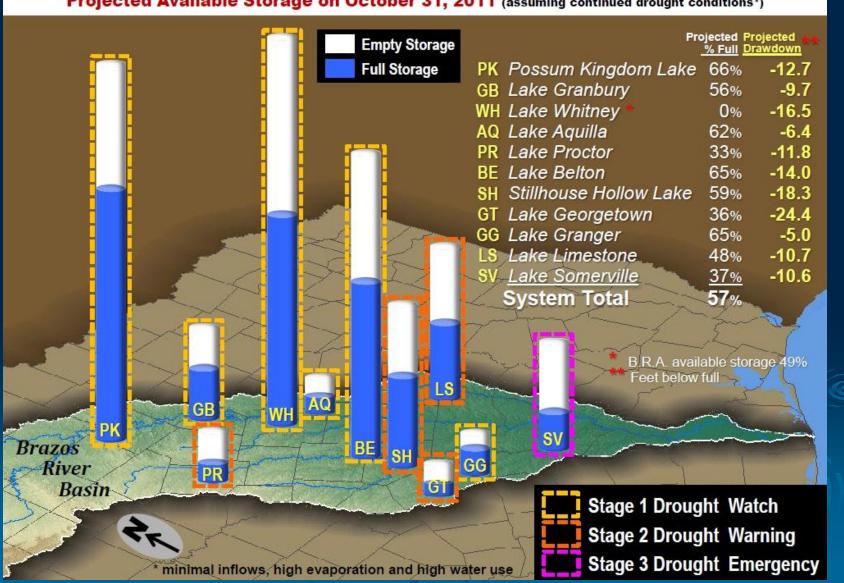
## **Drought Update**

- Worst 1 year drought in Texas History
- Governor's Disaster Proclamation Renewed
- Curtailment of Water Rights Brazos Basin 1960
- ➤ TCEQ -11.053. Emergency Order Concerning Water Rights. Rulemaking to allow suspension and adjustments of water rights by the TCEQ executive director.
- www.tceq.texas.gov/response/drought
- > www.brazos.org

## **Brazos River Reservoir System**

Combined Storage of Authority System is Below Stage 1 Drought Watch Storage Trigger

Projected Available Storage on October 31, 2011 (assuming continued drought conditions\*)



## **GRP Water Supply Contracts**

- > GRP long term surface water needs
  - 9 MGD in 2013, 27 MGD in 2025
  - Current Supplies
    - 20.0 MGD GCWA
    - 16.2 MGD Oyster Creek (WCID #1)
      - 18,159 AF
    - 4.1 MGD BRA (sub-leases)
      - 4588 AF
      - Reliability issues, looking at other long term supply options



## Raw Water Supply

- GCWA Water Rights Permits are Run of the River
- Water not reliable in a drought without Reservoir back up
  - BRA has No reservoir capacity available
- ➤ City contract for BRA Reservoir water as secondary source last year 4588 AF ~ \$287,000
  - Allowed to sublease water this year
- Additional request to BRA for 15,000 AF
- Working with GWCA to firm up water supplies



## **GRP Update**

## **GRP Participants**

#### **Public Water Systems**

- FB MUD 106 (Greatwood)
- FB MUD 112 (New Territory)
- Plantation MUD (Tara Plantation)
- Tx Dept of Criminal Justice
- Royal Valley Utilities
- City of Sugar Land

#### Private Businesses

- Texas Par Golf
- River Pointe Golf
- WSG Sweetwater
- Schlumberger

#### Home Owner Assoc & Levee Dist

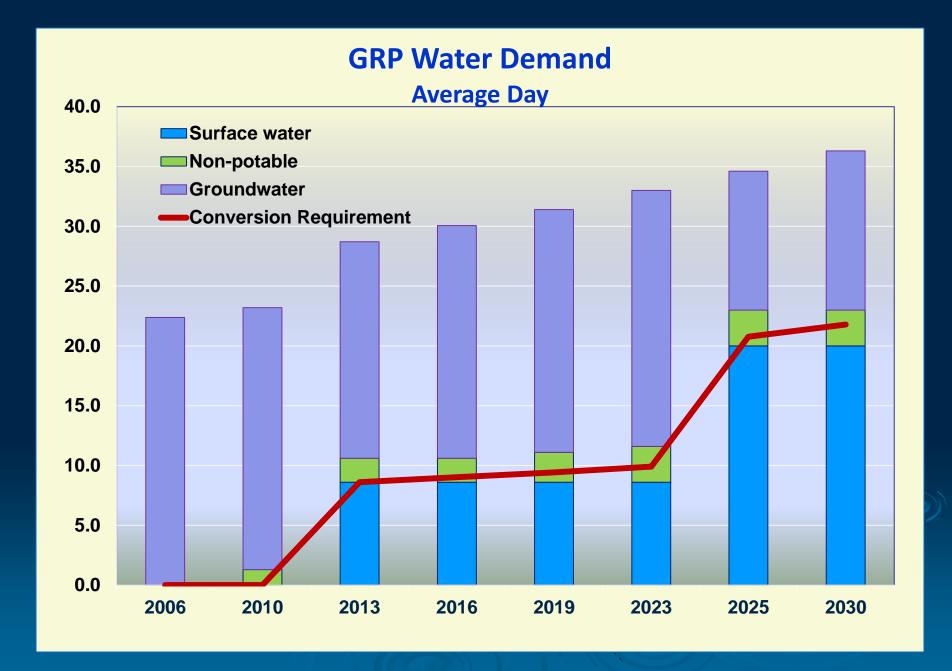
- Royal Valley HOA
- Avalon CAI
- Sugar Mill CAI
- Sugar Lakes HOA
- First Colony Comm Association
- New Territory Res. Comm Assoc.
- River Park HOA
- LID 17 (Telfair Levee Dist.)
- Venetian Estates
- City Airport

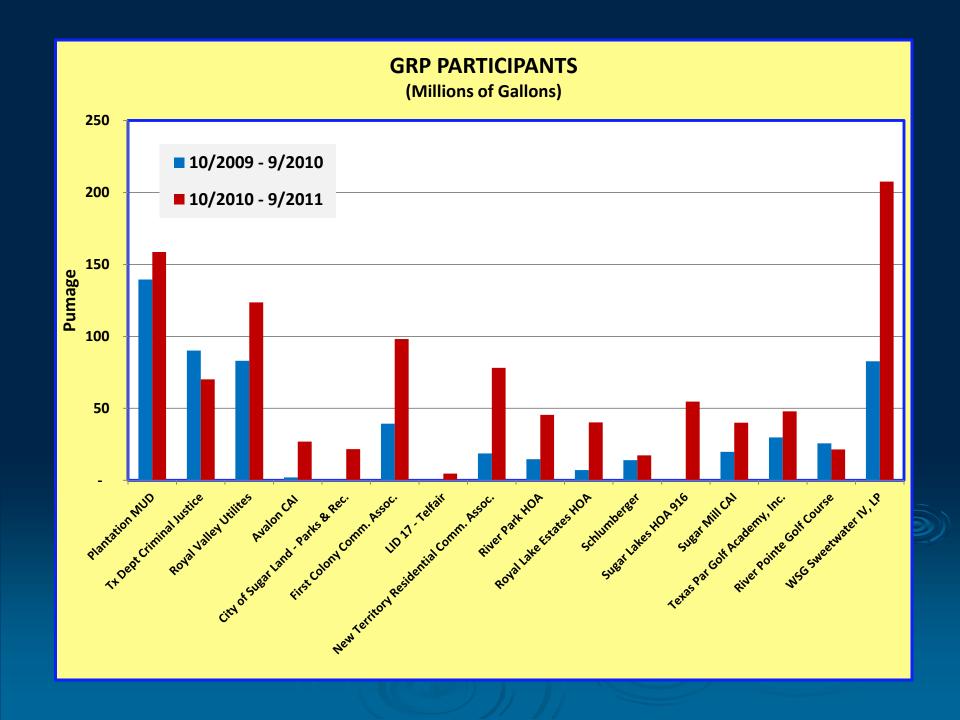


## **GRP Water Demand**

Million Gallons per Day (MGD) Average Day

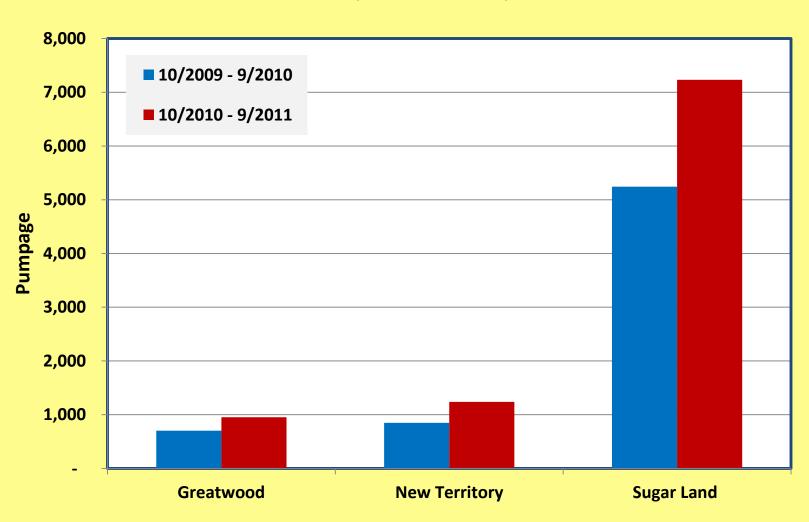
Year	Demand		Conversion
<b>&gt; 2010</b>	22.2		
<b>&gt; 2011</b>	25.6		1.3
> <b>2011</b>	<b>28.8</b>		<b>1.3</b>
<b>&gt; 2013</b>	28.7	30%	8.6
<b>&gt; 2024</b>	33.5	30%	10.1
<b>&gt; 2025</b>	34.6	60%	20.8
> Ultimate	36.3	60%	21.8





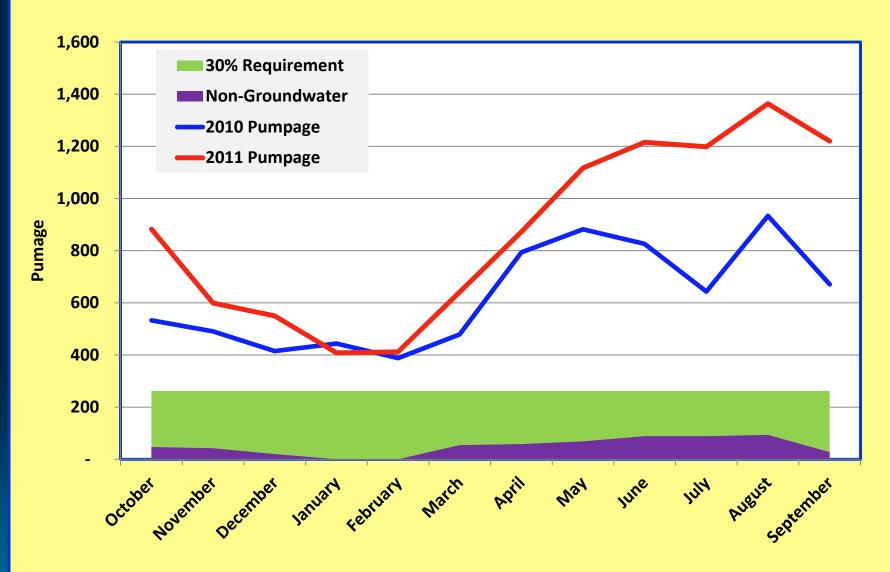
#### **POTABLE WATER WELLS**

(Millions of Gallons)



#### **FY10 - FY11 ACTUAL PUMPAGE**

(Millions of Gallons)



2011 Pumpage was a 28% increase over 2010

## **GRP Participant Water Use**

- Dramatic Increase in water use
- > 28% increase in one year 7.5 to 10.4 billion gallons
- Some participants used 72% more water in 2011 than in 2010
- Water Conservation Important
- Post 2013 conversion:
  - Thoughtful management of water use
  - Potential for Implementation of Water
     Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans



## **GRP Implementation**

Jessie Li, PhD., P.E.
Assistant Utilities Director

## **GRP Implementation Strategy**

### 4 Strategies

- 1. Surface Water Conversion
- 2. Water Conservation
- 3. Water Reuse / Reclaimed
  - Obtained TCEQ 210 for reuse at the 3
     Wastewater plants in 2008
- 4. Non-potable surface water use
  - GRP assumes 2 MGD

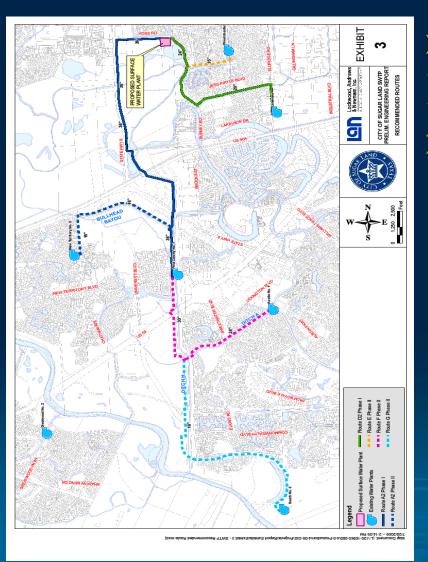
### **SWTP Implementation Strategy**

- Surface Water Plant Size
  - 9 MGD operational in 2013
  - Expand to 22 MGD in 2025
  - MF/UF Membrane Filtration (RO provision 2025)
- Build base load plant 9 mgd 365 days year
- Over convert dense areas minimize transmission lines
- Surface water delivered to groundwater plants for distribution and blending to minimize changes in taste
- Peak water demands met from groundwater

## Surface Water Conversion Projects

- ➤ 9 MGD Surface Water Treatment Plant Expandable to 22 MGD
- > Transmission Lines
- Groundwater Plant Improvements

### **Transmission Lines**

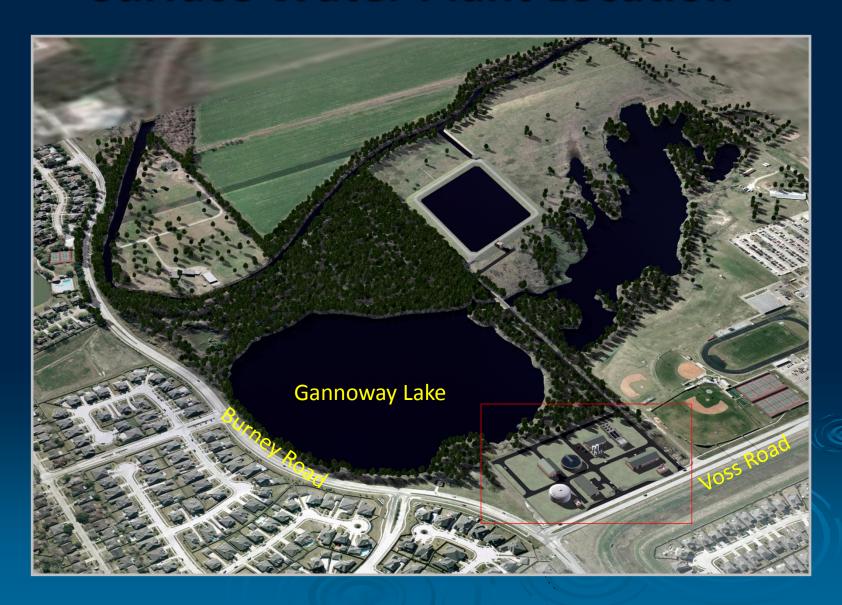


- Design: 4/10 2/11 & 11/11
- Construction Budget \$19.7 M
- **▶ Two Construction Contracts** 
  - Lakeview WP line:
    - 3/11 11/11
  - First Colony WP line:
    - 1/12 1/13

## Groundwater Plant Improvements

- > PER: 2/10 10/10
- **>** Design: 11/10 − 11/11
- Construction Budget \$ 8.8 M
- **>** Construction: 1/12 − 1/13
  - Disinfection
  - Distribution pump increase
  - Blending strategy

## **Surface Water Plant Location**



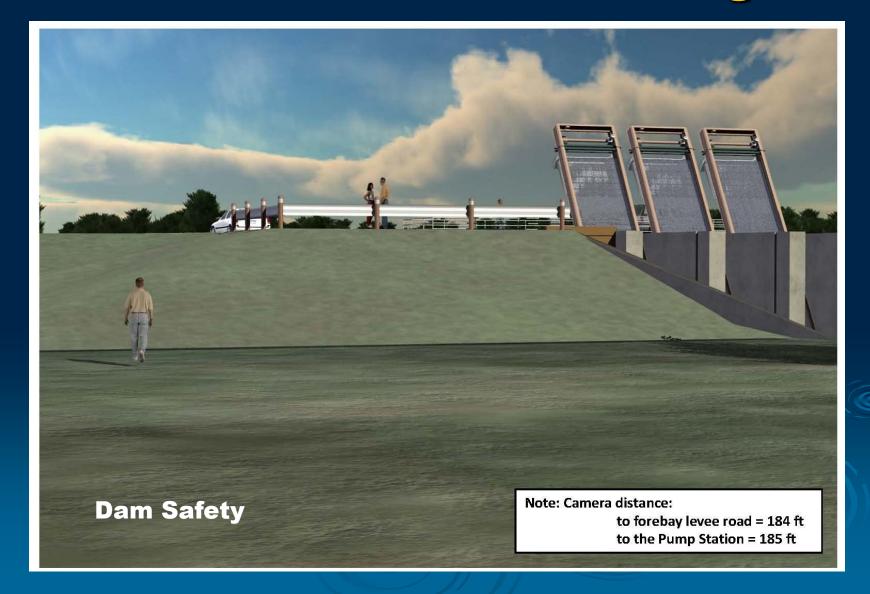
## **SWTP - Complex Project**

- $\rightarrow$  CMAR: 3/10 3/14
  - Construction: 5/11 6/13
  - First Year Operation: 6/13 6/14
- Construction Budget \$ 69 M
- Integration of Ground and Surface Water Supplies - Quality
- Balance Water Demands to Meet Minimum Conversion Requirements Quantity
- Complex Instrumentation and SCADA Systems
  Needed to Achieve Objectives

## **SWTP Construction Challenges**

- Poor Soil Conditions
  - Soil Blending
  - Pile Construction
- > Flood Plain & Wetlands
- > Small Site

## Raw Water Intake Design



## Membrane Building







City of Sugar Land, TX Surface Water Treatment Plant Facility

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## **Additional Projects**

- South Plant Riverstone Reclaimed Water Project
- West Plant New Territory Water Use Study
- Small Scale Scalping Plant 50/50 TWDB Grant
  - > Sweetwater Golf Course
- Oyster Creek Water
  - Riverbend Golf Course
  - Sugar Creek Golf Course
  - Baseball and Imperial Development

#### **Groundwater Credits Earned**

- Early Conversion Credits Non-Potable Projects Completed
  - Lake Pointe Irrigation
  - Telfair Lake Filling
  - Venetian Estates Lake Filling and Irrigation
  - Orchard Irrigation
- WaterWise Conservation Education
  - Presentations to 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Graders in Ft. Bend
- Total Credits (9/2011): 3.064 billion gal
- $\rightarrow$  Value (\$3.90/1000 gal) = \$11,947,250



## **Financial Update**

Jennifer Brown
Budget and Research Director

## **GRP Philosophy**

- City Policy adopted in September 2002
  - We will Plan for the City and our ETJ.
- Separate GRP Fund Created, contains all Costs/Expenditures
- Costs of Surface Water Conversion Shared Equally among GRP Members
- Blended Rate for all Members

## **Financial Capacity**

- > All participants pay the same GRP fee
- > Funded through the Surface Water Fund
- City sold Certificates of Obligation with pledge of GRP fees more cost effective than revenue bonds
  - Lower cost of borrowing
  - No bond coverage required
- Anticipated GRP rate in 2013 increased from estimate reported last year
  - ~\$1.75 per 1,000 gallons

#### **Surface Water Fund**

- > FY12 Expenditures Increases Compared to Prior Forecast:
  - Raw water \$363,000 (purchased from BRA)
  - FY12 budget plan to issue debt for \$92M; increased to \$98.8M
  - Interest for debt service 4.25% to 4.65%
    - Debt Service Payment Increase
    - Capital Improvement Projects
    - FY12 \$2,278,000
    - FY13 \$294,800
    - Rate sensitive to any additional costs

# **Surface Water Fund In Millions**

	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16
Revenues	10.58	13.13	14.22	14.45	14.68
Expenses	10.51	11.48	14.14	14.10	14.25
Net Income	0.07	1.65	0.08	0.35	0.43
End Balance	5.72	7.37	7.45	7.80	8.23
Rec Policy- 50%	5.25	5.74	7.07	7.05	7.12
Est. GRP Rate per 1000 gallons (Jan. 1)	\$1.32	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75

### **Capital Improvement Projects**

Project Names	FY11	FY12	FY13
North WWTP Reclaimed Water		\$1,200,000	
Non-Potable Reuse Study		75,000	
SCADA – Communication Conversion		385,000	
SWTP – O & M Manual and SOP		418,000	
Water Master Plan Update		200,000	
SWTP CT Study & Tracer Testing			74,800
WP Upgrades for Conversion	150,000		
SW Transmission Line	19,700,000		
Surface Water Treatment Plant	69,000,000		200,000
Total	\$88,850,000	\$2,278,000	\$294,800

Does not include potential reuse projects for the West, South or Greatwood wastewater treatment plants

## **Surface Water Fund**

	Revenues	Expenses	Net	GRP Rate
FY 08	\$4,864,709	\$2,636,519	\$2,228,190	\$0.25
FY 09	2,487,817	1,345,424	1,142,393	.25
FY 10	4,379,854	1,984,577	2,395,278	.60
FY 11P	104,999,386	105,310,828	- 311,442	.70
FY 12B	10,576,775	10,506,624	70,150	1.32
FY 13E	13,130,713	11,484,080	1,646,634	1.75
FY 14E	14,222,327	14,136,884	85,443	1.75
FY 15E	14,453,449	14,099,913	353,535	1.75
FY16E	14,685,755	14,251,809	433,946	1.75

# Revisions to the Groundwater Reduction Plan

- > FBSD requires Aggregate Water Well Permit
  - ➤ April 1, 2013 the GRP will submit and fund permit application for ALL participants
- Drought Contingency Plan Update
  - Participant Adoption and Compliance
- Revision of the GRP will include opportunity for Water Conservation Credits

#### **GRP Amendment**

- Water Conservation Credits New
- Based on per connection water use 2010
- Separate areas and classes of customers
- > Ex. New Territory, Telfair, First Colony, residential, commercial, irrigation
- Target efforts like education on specific areas and customer classes
- Reductions from 2010 generate credits

#### **Participant Obligations**

- Projected Water Demand Update
  - due no later than March 1 each year
- Test and Calibrate Well Meters
  - due to GRP every 12 months
- Manage Irrigation systems
  - Rain sensors
  - Leak

### **Questions?**

- > Are these meetings frequent enough?
- > Are you interested in receiving quarterly reports?
- What additional information do you need?
- We are happy to attend your HOA, board or customer meetings.

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# Planning for Sugar Land's

